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INTRODUCTION

THE year under review was in some ways a difficult one for the Society. There was a further increase in the Society's research work and activities, but the administrative machinery was stretched to its limit by this extra work, by the enforced absence of the General Secretary for two months. and by the relative inexperience of some members of the staff.

The importance of the Society's work was recognised, however, as a striking increase in national membership and wide publicity for Fabian pamphlets testified. Sales of pamphlets were slightly lower than in the previous year, but were still well above average figures for the past ten years. The Press gave excellent coverage to a number of pamphlets during the year, particularly those appearing in the successful *Socialism in the Sixties* series.

There was an increase in the number of specialised groups working on particular problems in the economic and social field. One of these groups has nearly completed work on a book of essays on Nationalised Industry, which is being edited by Michael Shanks. Another group produced a document on further education for the Robbins Committee. The work of these groups is very valuable, but imposes a substantial extra burden on the office.

The Young Fabians flourished, acquiring well over a hundred members, and establishing several study groups on a wide range of subjects, from crime to the common market. One group gave evidence on behalf of the Young Fabians to the Royal Commission on the Press. The first two pamphlets in the Young Fabian series were produced during the year—*Lady Albemarle's Boys* by Ray Gosling, and *N.A.T.O. or Neutrality*.

Attendance at week-end and summer schools was slightly less good than in recent years, but most of the schools were greatly appreciated by those who participated. The Easter School on Education attracted a number of teachers and educationalists, and the standard of discussion was very high. At the autumn lectures, attendances were uneven, and no regional lectures were held. These have become something of an institution, and it is intended that the practice of holding a series of regional lectures should be continued.

The change in subscription rates, the first for eleven years, which was introduced in January, went reasonably smoothly; once again, the largest

gains of membership (both new members and those switching from old subscription rates) were made in the highest category of full four guinea membership.

Many inquiries about the work of the Society were received from overseas. It is clear that the Fabian tradition is greatly valued abroad. Several correspondents wanted to establish similar societies in their own countries. This is a tribute to the role of Fabians in contributing to the Labour Movement in Britain, and in a wider sense, to democracy itself.

MEMBERSHIP

Individual membership of the Society increased over the year by 113; this total masks a rather different trend between the last half of 1960, when the increase was no less than 153, and the first half of 1961, when membership declined by 40. The reason for this was the new structure of subscription rates which was agreed by the members of the Society at the 1960 Annual General Meeting. The higher level of rates has led to a slight decline in numbers, but this decline has been more than offset by an increase in the revenue from subscription rates.

An encouraging feature of the year was the tendency for the more expensive categories of membership (84s. and 60s. at old rates) to show the greatest increase in new members. Another was the steady stream of inquiries for membership of the Young Fabian Group, which has clearly established itself as an organisation of real interest to younger Socialists. On the other hand, the Commonwealth Bureau showed a further decline in membership, as did the Local Societies.

Two tables of new members, deaths and resignations are shown, one for each half-year, since the figures for different subscription rates are not readily comparable.

Membership Figures at 30th June, 1961

NATIONAL MEMBERS (including subscribing bodies)					1960	1961	Change
Full members ...	...	...	...	...	2586	2711	+ 125
Associates ...	...	...	...	...	91	79	- 12
							—
							+ 113
							—
SUBSCRIBING BODIES					1960	1961	Change
Labour Parties, Co-ops., Trade Unions					173	150	- 23
Libraries, etc. ...					79	59	- 20
BUREAUX MEMBERS							
Commonwealth Bureau ...					220	176	- 44
International Bureau ...					56	67	+ 11
							— 33
							—

MEMBERSHIP TRENDS (not including Bureaux members)

July, 1960—Dec., 1960

		20s.	30s.	50s.	60s.	Total
New Members	...	39	50	61	137	287
Deaths, Resignations, etc.	...	47	25	4	40	116
		— 8	+ 25	+ 57	+ 97	+ 171
		—	—	—	—	—

January, 1961—June, 1961

	20s.	21s.	30s.	42s.	50s.	60s.	63s.	84s.	Total	
New Members	...	—	29	3	21	—	21	1	61	136
Deaths & Resignations	52	—	26	—	13	70	—	—	161	
	— 52	+ 29	— 23	+ 21	— 13	— 49	+ 1	+ 61	— 25	
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

Total for whole year: + 146, minus 33, net loss from Bureaux = 113.

GENERAL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members Elected: John Diamond (Honorary Treasurer, unopposed) and (in order of ballot) Brian Abel-Smith, Peter Townsend, R. H. S. Crossman, Margaret Cole, A. Wedgwood Benn, H. D. Hughes, Mary Stewart, Arthur Skeffington, C. A. R. Crosland, Ritchie Calder, John Parker, Denis Healey, Roy Jenkins, Lord Faringdon, W.T. Rodgers, Peggy Jay, and T. Balogh.

Members Co-opted: Hilary Chantler (Chairman, Young Fabians Group), Robert Neild, Reg. Prentice, Peter Shore, George Thomson and Dick Taverne. Michael Shanks was co-opted in June to fill the place vacated by the resignation of Ritchie Calder.

COMMITTEES

Members of the Committee appointed by the Executive Committee are listed in Appendix 'A'.

DELEGATES

Labour Party Conference: Shirley Williams.

London Labour Party Conference: Arthur Skeffington, M.P.

London Labour Party Executive Committee: Arthur Skeffington, M.P.

OFFICERS

Lord Faringdon was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee. C. A. R. Crosland, M.P., Vice-Chairman, and John Parker, M.P., Honorary Secretary. John Diamond, M.P., had already been returned as Honorary Treasurer in the Annual Ballot.

STAFF

There were eleven full-time and three part-time members of the staff. In August, R. L. LEONARD resigned as Deputy General Secretary after four and a half years with the Society. In that capacity, and previously as Assistant Secretary, his hard work and his friendliness did much to benefit the Society. He was succeeded by JIM WADE, who has subsequently been succeeded by THOMAS PONSONBY.

Shortly after the end of the year under review, in July, 1961, MARGARET ROBERTS became Secretary of the Commonwealth Bureau, succeeding HILDA SELWYN-CLARKE, who worked as Secretary of the Bureau for six years. Lady Selwyn-Clarke will continue to act as advisor to the Bureau, whose Committee is extremely grateful to her for her devoted service.

LOUISE MOELWYN-HUGHES, the Membership Secretary, was obliged to leave in October, owing to sudden illness, after eighteen months with the Society. She was succeeded temporarily by MARIA GUILIANO, who was previously Assistant in the Bookshop, and then by ETHEL POCOCK.

ROBERT BARNARD resigned from the job of Bookshop Manager in August, and was succeeded by JAMES LEAHY, who himself resigned in April. RASHID KAREH was then appointed as Bookshop Manager.

MARGARET TIMS and PENELOPE RALPH also left during the year. They were replaced by MADELEINE SIMMS and CHRISTINE WATKINS.

Although salaries were increased during the year, the Executive Committee is well aware that remuneration for the Staff is not fully comparable with salaries which they would receive elsewhere. The Committee recognises the debt that the Society owes to those who so devotedly and willingly serve it.

VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE

The Executive Committee would like to thank those members who helped the Society as voluntary workers, and without whom much that the Society undertakes could not be done.

In particular, the Executive Committee would like to express its gratitude to DOROTHY FOX, without whom the work of the Local Societies Committee could not continue; also to Mr. Holman for his help in the General Office, Renee Ayer, Muriel Pease, Mary Ormerod, Mr. Bradbury and Mrs. Scholefield Allen for their work for the Commonwealth Bureau, and Louise Moelwyn-Hughes for her assistance in the Membership department.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held at Caxton Hall on Saturday, 26th November, 1960. The Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts were accepted. A vote of thanks to Messrs. Pegg, Robertson and Co. for

their services as Honorary Auditors was carried unanimously, and they were asked to serve for 1960-61.

Votes of thanks were also carried unanimously to Austen Albu, M.P.. and Eirene White, M.P., retiring members of the Executive Committee. for their services, and to W. T. Rodgers and R. L. Leonard, the retiring General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary, for their excellent work for the Society.

Messages of congratulation were sent to R. H. TAWNEY and LEONARD WOOLF on the occasion of their eightieth birthdays.

An amendment to *Rule 14* was proposed by John Diamond, M.P.. and carried nem. con. The amendment replaced *Rule 14* with the following: ' Members and associates are expected to subscribe to the funds of the Society in accordance with their means. The full annual subscription shall be 4 guineas covering the following four services at one guinea each: membership of the Commonwealth Bureau, membership of the International Bureau, receipt of the less costly general pamphlets, receipt of the more costly general pamphlets. A member may subscribe for any of these services, students and members of the ranks of H.M. Forces at half the appropriate sum. Every member will automatically receive *Fabian News*.'

An emergency amendment to add the word 'apprentices' after 'students' was moved by Dr. John Dore, and accepted nem. con.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Regional Members' meetings to discuss the work of the Society and to hear members' comments and suggestions were held at York in September. when the General Secretary attended, and at Sheffield and Bradford in November when the Chairman (H. D. Hughes) attended.

SUMMER SCHOOLS, 1960

Two weeks of summer schools were held, one of them being a family school, a now well-established new Fabian tradition. The first school was at the Rookery, Oxford, from 6th-13th August, and was entitled 'The Realities of World Power'. The lecturers were Lucjan Blit, Erskine Childers. David Ennals, Raghavan Iyer, Colin Jackson, Paul Johnson, Colin Leys, David Marquand and Shirley Williams. Shirley Williams was the Director and Jim Wade the School Secretary.

The second week, the family school, was held at St. David's College. Lampeter, Cardiganshire, and the subject of the school was 'Socialism and the Complacent Society'. The lecturers were Kingsley Amis, J. B. Cullingworth, Desmond Donnelly, M.P., Audrey Harvey, Silvan Jones, W. T. Rodgers, Duncan Smith and Victor Wiseman. The School was directed by W. T. Rodgers. The Family Director was Sylvia Rodgers, and the School Secretary R. L. Leonard.

A total of 147 people attended the two schools, 37 being children.

WEEK-END SCHOOLS

Five week-end schools were held, the attendance totalling 225. The Commonwealth Bureau held a school in November on 'Emergent Africa', at the Hallams, Guildford. The Director was Reg. Sorensen, M.P., and the lecturers were: D. J. Akouku, Colin Legum, Lord Listowel and Hella Pick. The New Year School entitled 'Plan for Living' was at Beatrice Webb House, Dorking, and was directed by Robert Neild. The lectures were given by Hugh Morris, W. T. Rodgers, Wyndham Thomas and the Director.

The Easter School on 'Education' was also at Beatrice Webb House, and was directed by John Vaizey. The lecturers were Prof. W. H. Armytage, C. A. R. Crosland, M.P., Lois Mitchison, Simon Pratt, Harry Ree, Michael Stewart, M.P., George Thomson, M.P., and the Director.

In May, the Spring School on 'Has Britain a European Future?' was held at the 'Oakhurst', Hastings, the Director being Roy Jenkins, M.P. Lectures were given by Georges Berthoin, Douglas Jay, M.P., Roy Pryce, Dr. J. J. Van der Lee, and the Director.

Finally, a week-end school was organised at Grantley Hall in Yorkshire, with the co-operation of the Yorkshire Region, on 'Problems of the Welfare Services'. This school was directed by H. J. Boyden, M.P., and lectures were given by Arthur Blenkinsop, Gerry Reynolds, M.P., and the Director.

AUTUMN LECTURES

The 1960 series of four Autumn Lectures, held at the Livingstone Hall, London, in November was entitled 'Socialist Values in a Changing Society'. Individual lectures were given by Alan Day on 'The Changing Pattern of Society'; by Dr. Mark Abrams on 'Changing Class Patterns'; by Arthur Ling, F.R.I.B.A., on 'The Changing Face of Britain'; and by Gerald Gardiner, Q.C., on 'Socialist Values in a Changing Society'. The series was held in conjunction with the Central London Fabian Society, and had an average attendance of 150.

YOUNG FABIAN GROUP

During the year the Young Fabian Group has published two pamphlets, *Lady Albemarle's Boys*, by Ray Gosling, an exciting study of the youth service in Britain, and *N.A.T.O. or Neutrality*, a contribution to the defence debate prepared by a Young Fabian Study Group.

The two main lines along which the group has been developing since its inauguration a little over a year ago, have been the formation of study groups and the publication of pamphlets. However, it is hoped that the holding of meetings and schools will become a permanent aspect of the group's activities. It is planned to publish about three pamphlets a year, usually as a result of work done in study groups.

The study groups so far formed are concerned with Education, Indus-

trial Democracy, Housing, Advertising, the National Assistance Board, Town Planning, and the Common Market. Groups are planned for the following subjects: Mental Health, and Race Relations.

A young Fabian Study Group on the Press submitted evidence to the Royal Commission on the Press. It is intended to circulate this in a cyclostyled form.

Membership at the end of the year was 168.

A day school on Defence was held in March at which Michael Howard, John Rex and Reg. Prentice, M.P., spoke.

In June, a Young Fabian Week-end School was held at The Hallams, Guildford, on 'The Next Step Forward'. Lecturers were Richard Crossman, M.P., Tony Caulfield, John Greve, Eric Hobsbawm and Hugh Morris.

BOOKSHOP

Demand for Fabian pamphlets was well maintained during the year, and the Bookshop did well, producing a revenue of about £1,150. This was slightly below the previous year, but was still an excellent result. Among the best selling pamphlets were John Strachey's *Pursuit of Peace*, Richard Wollheim's *Socialism and Culture* (both in the *Socialism in the Sixties* series), H. J. Boyden's *Councils and Their Public*, and the Young Fabians' *Lady Albemarle's Boys*.

The Bookshop continued to do a substantial postal order business, both for Fabian pamphlets and other books and general literature, much of it with overseas customers. The range of publications available in the Bookshop is very wide; almost all journals of social or political comment published in Britain are on sale. The Manager is making efforts to increase sales to Fabians by offering such services as the dispatch of forthcoming publications lists in the field in which members express interest. Any book can be got for customers maintaining accounts with the Bookshop, and there is still scope for a major expansion in its turnover.

PUBLICATIONS

Seventeen pamphlets were published, five of them in the *Socialism in the Sixties* series. Over 28,000 copies of these pamphlets were distributed to members, and in addition, sales of pamphlets during the year amounted to 11,674. Some 35,000 copies of *Fabian News* were distributed, and some 18,500 copies of *Venture*. The total amount of literature distributed was a little less than in 1959/60, owing to the suspension of *Fabian Journal*.

The tendency for Fabian pamphlets to receive more publicity was maintained in 1960/61. Three pamphlets in particular attracted a great deal of notice: *Socialism and Culture*, which was reviewed in almost all the national dailies and in the *Observer*, *Sunday Times* and *Sunday Telegraph*, and had full-page articles about it in the *New Statesman*, *The Spectator*, and *Time and Tide*; *Lady Albemarle's Boys*, which was noticed in leading stories in the *Daily Mirror*, *Reynolds' News*, the *Daily Herald*

and the *Daily Sketch*; and *Pursuit of Peace*, which achieved long notices in most national newspapers.

Fabian News continued to be published monthly, carrying notices of such functions as week-end schools, summer schools and meetings, book reviews, reports of Fabian activities and so on. *Venture*, concentrating on Commonwealth and Colonial affairs, was published in every month except August, and, as in the past, had a considerable circulation outside the United Kingdom.

During the year, the following were published:

Research Series

216. *Apprenticeship and the 'Bulge'*. Margaret Croft.
217. *Crisis in Southern Rhodesia*. Terence Ranger.
218. *Prison After-Care: Charity or Public Responsibility*. Pauline Morris.
219. *Wanted—A Monopoly Policy*. Patrick Hutter.
220. *Middle East Issues*. David Ennals and Ian Campbell.
221. *Councils and Their Public*. H. J. Boyden, M.P.
222. *A Tax on Advertising?* Max Corden.
223. *A Free Press*. Peter Benenson.

Tracts

326. *The Socialist Imagination*. Wayland and Elizabeth Young.
327. *Britain's Role in a Changing World*. Kenneth Younger.
328. *Nationalised Industries in the Mixed Economy*. John Hughes.
329. *The Pursuit of Peace*. John Strachey.
330. *Britain and Europe*. Evan Luard.
331. *Socialism and Culture*. Richard Wollheim

Young Fabian Publications

1. *Lady Albemarle's Boys*. Ray Gosling.
2. *N.A.T.O. or Neutrality*. Young Fabian Group.

Commonwealth Bureau Discussion Series

1. *Principles of Socialism: Africa and Asia*. Rita Hinden.

Others

Fabian News. Eleven issues.
Venture. Eleven issues.
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HOME RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

Chairman: H. D. Hughes

Secretary: Shirley Williams

Seven pamphlets were published as a result of the work of the Home Research Department, five of them being Research pamphlets and two appearing in the series of Tracts called *Socialism in the Sixties*.

Three pamphlets dealt with industrial matters; *Wanted—A Monopoly Policy*, by Patrick Hutber, outlined the present legislation controlling monopolies and restrictive practices, and showed how companies have reacted to it. The author demonstrated the weakness of present controls over monopoly, and argued that a Monopolies Court should be set up similar to the Court that now deals with restrictive practices. *Apprenticeship and the 'Bulge'*, by Margaret Croft, suggested ways of dealing with the growing crisis caused by an increase in the number of school-leavers without a corresponding increase in the facilities for training them in badly-needed skills. The author showed the inadequacy of the traditional apprenticeship system, and argued for a more comprehensive system in which the Government would play a much larger part. This pamphlet was the latest in a series of Fabian studies on this question, the previous one being *Training for Skill* by Gertrude Williams.

John Hughes described the subordination of the publicly-owned sector of industry to the private sector in his *Nationalised Industries in the Mixed Economy*. He concluded that the public sector needed to be both extended and reconstructed if it was to become an effective instrument of social policy, and in this context, considered in detail pricing policy, investment plans and accountability.

On the increasingly controversial subject of advertising, Max Corden wrote *A Tax on Advertising?* advocating various means of controlling advertising, and showing how it might be effectively taxed. The pamphlet also carried full information about the amount being spent by advertisers on the different mediums of communication, and on different products.

In the social field, Pauline Morris wrote on *Prison After-Care: Charity or Public Responsibility?* She pointed out that the present provisions for prison after-care were totally inadequate; that effective provision might considerably reduce the number of recidivists; and that far more trained social workers and researchers were needed in the prison service.

Richard Wollheim's *Socialism and Culture* attracted a tremendous amount of publicity. It dealt with the current controversy about 'a common culture' from the point of view of the arts and of education. Wollheim concluded that a common culture was not an essential part of Socialism, and that the best features of so-called 'middle-class culture' could be extended far more widely in society if that culture could be detached from its present social moorings.

Another pamphlet which received quite a lot of attention from the newspapers was Peter Benenson's *A Free Press*. In this pamphlet, the author discussed the relationship between the Press and the individual

citizen from the point of view of intrusion, inaccurate reporting, etc.; the relationship between the Press and Government, and the increasing tendency for 'security considerations' to choke off full information about Government policy; and the concentration of the Press in Britain. Benenson ended with a number of recommendations for extending Press coverage, improving the flow of information, and dealing with current criticisms.

Apart from producing pamphlets, the Department sponsored a whole series of specialist groups, which are producing detailed studies on a considerable range of subjects. Two groups are working on the problems of the nationalised industries; one of these groups was approaching the completion of a book on nationalisation, which is being edited by Michael Shanks. A sub-committee of education experts was set up to give evidence for the Society to the Robbins Committee on Further Education, and it is hoped to produce a pamphlet next year based on their recommendations. Other groups on industrial injuries and management problems met from time to time, and in addition, several Fabians were working jointly on a pamphlet following up the Ingleby Report (a successor to *The Child and the Social Services*, published in 1958) and on a pamphlet dealing with the Report of the Commission on the Government of London.

At the end of the year, in addition to the work of the various groups, a pamphlet on housing was nearly ready for publication. Work on the comprehensive schools, wages policy, industrial democracy, British agriculture in the Common Market, insurance, Conservative economic policies, the health services and home welfare services, was progressing well.

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU

Chairman: Arthur Creech Jones Secretary: Hilda Selwyn-Clarke

This has been a challenging year for the Commonwealth. Nigeria, Britain's largest African dependency, was warmly welcomed as an independent member; and to her independence celebrations no less than seven members of the Committee were invited. Lord Faringdon, representing the Bureau, presented a gift on our behalf. South Africa, by contrast, left the Commonwealth when her application for continued membership under Republican government met with hostile criticism of her racial policies. Her exclusion presented the Commonwealth with an unprecedented moral and constitutional challenge. The Bureau welcomed the way it was met, while regretting the need for expulsion and hoping it would prove temporary. The more recent challenge of the Common Market has yet to be met.

With the relatively smooth progress to independence in the remaining non-settler British dependencies, controversy has centred largely on two fields of British Colonial policy: the Smaller Territories and islands, and the settler areas of Africa. The Bureau gave considerable attention to both. It welcomed the hopeful advance of the West Indies, despite the immense difficulty of uniting the dispersed and varied islands. The Central African Review Conference and subsequent developments in each of the Federation's component territories continued to occupy considerable attention in the Bureau. The Monckton Report was welcomed and we have continued to press for full recognition of its implications.

Publications

Dr. Terence Ranger's pamphlet, *Crisis in Southern Rhodesia*, published in 1960, came at a very opportune moment. He predicted a considerable period of increasing tension unless the barriers were removed to full participation by Africans in the political and economic life of the country. His analysis has been fully vindicated by subsequent events.

In April, 1961, with the publication of Dr. Rita Hinden's *Principles of Socialism: Africa and Asia*, the Bureau initiated a new series of Discussion pamphlets. Intended as a basis for discussion on Socialism in the newly emergent countries of Africa and Asia, the pamphlet set out the principles of democratic socialism and examined their application in these areas.

Venture

Eleven issues were published, each containing a commentary on current Commonwealth affairs. In addition, articles have included:—

‘The West Indies Federation’ by George Thomson.

‘Nigeria Arrives’ by Marjorie Nicholson.

‘The High Commission Territories’ by Mary Benson.

‘Colonial Officers’ Future’ by Lord Listowel.

- ‘Community and Commonwealth’ by Hella Pick.
- ‘The New Commonwealth’ by Hilary Marquand.
- ‘Approach to African Unity’ by Margaret Roberts.
- ‘Trade Unions in East Africa’ by Donald Savage.

Research

Mr. T. F. Betts’ research paper ‘The Kenya Land Question’ was studied and approved by a sub-committee of the Bureau in January. It was circulated to African leaders and other interested parties in Kenya, as well as influential circles in Britain. We have since had a number of requests for further copies and visitors from Kenya confirm its value in discussion and formulating policy.

Parliamentary work was maintained on widely different subjects. Members of Parliament were briefed for debates, and questions were asked on territories and subjects including the Seychelles, Commonwealth Assistance Loans, South African Refugees in the High Commission Territories, Aid for Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesian arrests, the Southern Cameroons, Malta Re-diffusion, Population increase in Fiji, Tanganyika Higher Education Trust Fund and doctors for Mauritius.

The Bureau maintained correspondence with overseas members and contacts. The Committee entertained to lunch visitors from Nigeria, Singapore, the West Indies, Ghana, the Rhodesias, Basutoland, Uganda, Cameroons and Mauritius, as well as members expert in Commonwealth Affairs.

Two highly successful parties were those we gave for the African delegation to the Central African Review Conference and for the official delegation to the Tanganyika Constitutional Conference. In the office we received visitors from all over the Commonwealth, including Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, Singapore, Ghana, Cameroons, South Africa, the Rhodesias and Nyasaland.

Week-end School

A conference on *Emergent Africa* was held at The Hallams from 4th-6th November, 1960. It was addressed by Mr. Akuoko from Ghana, Colin Legum, Lord Listowel and Hella Pick. Mr. Reg. Sorensen took the chair.

Conference

An informal week-end discussion on Nigeria was held at the kind invitation of Lord Faringdon at Barnsley Park on 13th-14th May. It was attended by members of the Committee who had attended the Nigerian independence celebrations and four guests: Sir James Robertson, former Governor General; Sir Andrew Cohen; Mr. E. F. Jackson of the Oxford Institute of Statistics, and Mr. Bert Lewis of the Nigerian Employers’ Federation. It is hoped to produce a pamphlet on Nigeria arising from the ideas we derived from the discussions.

Discussion Group

During the autumn and winter the Assistant Secretary conducted a series of discussions on the subject of 'Socialism for Africa'. Attended by African students in London and Oxford, they were held fortnightly. The first meeting was led by Dr. Rita Hinden and others asked to open discussions included Mr. Amamoo of the Ghanaian Embassy and Mr. Sylla of the Senegalese Embassy. Discussions were lively and enlightening. They were suspended for the examination and holiday period, but requests from Africans indicate that their resumption in the autumn will be welcomed.

We are deeply indebted to our voluntary assistants who are mentioned elsewhere.

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Chairman: Denis Healey

Secretary: Jim Wade

Four pamphlets have been published during the year:

Britain and Europe (January, 1961), by Evan Luard, examined the attempts to create some form of association between Britain and the European Community, and the obstacles that have stood in the way. The case for British membership of the Community was argued and how the interests of the Commonwealth countries might be safeguarded in a new and wider association.

Middle East Issues (February, 1961), by David Ennals and Ian Campbell, consisted of a series of background papers on the main issues of Middle Eastern policy. It dealt with the rise of Arab nationalism, and the division that has developed within it between the United Arab Republic and Iraq; British policy in the region, especially towards the Persian Gulf states; the policy of the United States and the Soviet bid to influence Arab governments. The oil industry is also briefly considered, as is the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In the *Socialism in the Sixties* series, the following two pamphlets have been published:

Britain's Role in a Changing World (July, 1960), by Kenneth Younger. Based on a Fabian Spring Lecture, this pamphlet discussed how Britain's influence could best be maintained, as her 'Great Power' status declined. The author firmly urged maximum international co-operation.

Pursuit of Peace (December, 1960), by John Strachey. The first of a new series of pamphlets on 'the great defence debate', this pamphlet provided a useful clarification of a highly confused situation. The author questioned the relevance of both the 'neutralist' and 'pacifist' wings of the unilateralists. He urged strengthening of the United Nations as a supranational authority.

At the end of the year, the Bureau was about to publish a pamphlet on disarmament versus arms control by Wayland and Elizabeth Young. Work was going ahead on pamphlets dealing with U.S. relationships with Latin America, the United States after Eisenhower, post-war Japan, the

Indian economy, East Germany, and Soviet relations with her satellite states. The Bureau was co-operating with the Commonwealth Bureau on a pamphlet dealing with the French-speaking countries in Africa. Preparation has also started on a new series of International Essays.

A public meeting jointly sponsored by the Bureau and the British Overseas Socialist Fellowship was held in the House of Commons, entitled *Berlin and the Problems of Germany*. The speaker was Dr. Hans Emil Hirschfeld.

A number of overseas members and sympathisers visited the Bureau, and received information about the activities of the Society. The Bureau co-operated with the League of Industrial Democracy in New York in circulating certain Fabian pamphlets, in particular Richard Titmuss's *The Irresponsible Society*.

LOCAL SOCIETIES

Chairman: Arthur Skeffington

Secretary: Dorothy Fox

Membership

The financial year of Local Societies runs from 1st April to 31st March. Comparative membership figures (affiliation fees, fully paid) for the last three years are:—

1st April, 1958—31st March, 1959	...	2,168 (86 Societies)
1st April, 1959—31st March, 1960	...	1,926 (77 Societies)
1st April, 1960—31st March, 1961	...	1,829 (72 Societies)

Affiliation fees are outstanding from Barnsley, Bournemouth, Bromley, Carlisle, Chesterfield, Fife, Oldham, Pontypool, St. Helens, South Dorset, Streatham and West Middlesex. Affiliation fees for Oldham and Fife are being waived. Fife is continuing to hold meetings and a token fee has been received.

During the year 13 Societies were deleted, Barking, Bradford, Barrow, Calder, Forest Hill, Hastings, Isle of Man, Letchworth, Newport, North Staffs, Paisley, University of St. Andrews and West Ham. Letchworth has merged with Stevenage and Bradford has been re-formed.

In the same period five Societies were recognised, Bradford (re-formed), Clapham, Frome (re-formed), Woking (re-formed), and Salisbury. It is hoped it will be possible to recognise a Society in Reading. Conveners are working in Bexhill, Burnley, Crawley, East Kilbride and North-west Middlesex.

Meetings

There was a good and representative attendance at the Annual Local Societies meeting on the morning of the Fabian A.G.M. at which Dick Taverne briefly outlined some of the issues raised in his discussion guide 'The Principle of Social Responsibility', which was published in April.

Arthur Skeffington was host at a July tea meeting at the House of Commons.

A week-end conference on Local Government, arranged jointly by the L.S.C. and the National Fabian Society, was held in London on 12th-13th November. Apart from Fabians there were a number of representatives from Labour groups. The lecturers were Peter Self, Kenneth Robinson, M.P., Elaine Burton and Jim Boyden, M.P.

The Local Societies meeting at the Labour Party Conference was attended by 150 people and took the form of a discussion between R. H. S. Crossman, M.P., and C. A. R. Crosland, M.P. The discussion was of a high order and this was the most successful gathering so far organised. A small meeting was also held on the Wednesday evening.

Regional Autumn Lectures were held at Cardiff and Gloucester on the following dates: 28th/29th October, 11th/12 November, 25th/26th November, and 9th/10th December. The speakers were: Desmond Donnelly, M.P., Brian Abel-Smith, Eirene White, James MacColl, M.P. The subject was 'Forward from the Welfare State'.

Regional Committees

Regional Committees continued to do most useful work on an informal basis. The subject of the Annual Scottish Weekend School was 'Africa—the Pattern of the Future', and the speakers were Mrs. Shirley Williams and Mr. George Thomson, M.P., who also acted as Director. The success of the Scottish weekend schools has been due in large measure to the organising work of Ken Wight, Secretary of the Scottish Council of Fabian Societies for ten years, who resigned in February. The Local Societies Committee has recorded its great appreciation of the work he has done for the Society during his period of office.

In the Yorkshire Region, a school was held at Grantley Hall on 9th/11th June on the *Problems of the Welfare Services*. Jim Boyden was Director, and the speakers included Arthur Blenkinsop and Gerry Reynolds. There was discussion on the work of Local Societies opened by the Secretary of the L.S.C.

The General Secretary visited York on the 10th September for a Regional meeting of Yorkshire and North-eastern members. In addition to considering plans for week-end and day schools, there was a discussion on relations between Local Societies in the North and the National Office in London. H. D. Hughes, Chairman in 1960, visited Sheffield and Bradford in November.

Local Societies held several business meetings and two conferences; one on the Report on London Government was held at the House of Commons with Arthur Skeffington as a speaker, and attended by an audience which contained a good deal of experience on the topic under discussion; the other was held jointly with the Co-operative Party on 'Living, Working and Travelling in Central London', and the speakers were Ashley Bramall, Michael Cliffe, M.P., Lena Jeger and W. T. Rodgers.

Research and Discussion

The questionnaire on the relations between landlords and tenants, which was prepared by Shirley Williams, in consultation with Gabriel Newfield and Peggy Crane, was sent to all Societies. The aim of the study was to collect information about the regulations which govern relations between landlords and tenants.

Jim Boyden's questionnaire on Local Government publicity was also sent to all Societies and produced much useful information. The replies were very helpful in preparing his pamphlet *Councils and Their Public*, which was well received by the press and local authorities.

Dick Taverne's provocative discussion guide *The Principle of Social Responsibility*, which was published in April, is being widely used by Societies.

Conclusion

As on previous occasions we need to emphasise the way in which lack of money and staff hinders the maintenance of contacts and the formation of new Societies.

In the first months after her appointment the General Secretary visited Bath, Birmingham, Bishops' Stortford, Brighton, Bristol, Bromley, Coventry, Epsom, Fife, Glasgow, New Malden, Norwich, Woking and York.

The Secretary of the L.S.C. visits regional gatherings from time to time and members of the L.S.C. have been most helpful in this work. Such visits, however, usually require considerable advance correspondence, while secretarial help in the office has decreased. The Secretary of the L.S.C. cannot be in the office more than two or three days a week, and without the devoted and expert help of Mrs. Ritchie it would be impossible to maintain our service to Local Societies.

The period under review has been a difficult one in some respects. The dispute in the Party over Defence has in some areas resulted in less Fabian activity. It is becoming more difficult to find Conveners with the time, energy and ability to initiate new societies. That is why we cannot praise too highly and thank too much those who give a top priority to their Fabian work. The local Societies continue to be a vital part of the Society—where Fabian ideas and proposals are discussed throughout the country with all sections of the Movement. For many—especially outside London—the Local Society provides the only opportunity for full, frank, but friendly discussion on policy matters.

OBITUARY

We have again to record the loss of a number of the Society's most valuable and dedicated members and supporters, among them people whose names will be written down in the history of the Labour Movement as great pioneers. Dr. J. J. MALLON, Warden of Toynbee Hall from 1906 to 1954, was a Fabian for fifty-six years, being made an Honorary Member in 1954. Among his many achievements was the raising of standards in some of the worst-paid industries in Britain, through the Anti-Sweating League which led to the passing of the 1909 Trade Boards Acts. LORD PETHICK-LAWRENCE, Secretary of State for India in 1945-1947, was on the Society's Executive in 1907/1908, and was another member of over fifty years' standing. He will long be remembered for his battles for the under-privileged, first for women's suffrage, and later for colonial peoples.

An ex-General Secretary, BOSWORTH MONCK, died in April. He was a member of the Executive Committee from 1947/1949, and in 1946 organised a great Jubilee marking the Society's sixtieth birthday, in the Albert Hall. J. S. FURNIVALL, a friend of the Webbs, lectured extensively for the Society in the early years of the century, and was a great supporter of the N.F.R.B. He was an expert on Far Eastern affairs. Another person connected with the N.F.R.B. was HONOR CROOME. A grand-daughter of C. P. Scott, she subsequently became very well known as an economist and author. T. S. ATTLEE, brother of Earl Attlee, lived in Cornwall, and was deeply interested in country crafts. A Scottish Fabian who did much to build up the Society there was NEIL BEATON, who was also connected with the Scottish C.W.S. A. L. SYMONDS of Cambridge represented the Cambridge constituency in Parliament from 1945 to 1950, and was a J.P. He had previously been a school teacher, and took a special interest in education and in the arts.

LORD HADEN-GUEST was another member of over fifty years' standing, who was particularly active at the time of the controversy between George Bernard Shaw and H. G. Wells, being a great supporter of Wells. M.P. for North Southwark from 1923 to 1927, and for North Islington from 1937 to 1950, he served for several years on the Executive Committee. LORD SIMON OF WYTHENSHAWE was an associate member of the N.F.R.B., and helped G. D. H. Cole to organise a number of conferences for the Bureau. When he joined the Labour Party he became a full member of the Society. MISS E. HOBHOUSE was a relation of the Webbs, and MRS. EMILY HADDON had been a friend of Shaw's. Her husband was Trevor Haddon, the portrait painter.

We have also to record with great regret the loss of DAVID ALLEN, J. F. CRIDDLE, Dr. J. C. JONES, L. HARRISON, L. J. LITTLE, Miss C. F. MITCHELL, E. PAGE, J. A. SARGENT, Mrs. L. I. TRENCH, Mrs. DAVID WING of the United States, and Mrs. FREDA MASSIN, a valuable member of the Central London Society.

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

The first thing I want to record is my great appreciation of the way in which members have responded to the increases in subscription rates which were approved at last year's Annual Meeting and brought into force on the 1st January, 1961. It was inevitable that such an increase would result in a decline in membership; but the decline has been very small, and it is very gratifying that the full membership rate of four guineas has shown the largest increase, both of new members and of old members renewing their subscriptions at the new rate.

As a result of this expression of loyalty to the Society and of the continuing high level of bookshop receipts, we succeeded in making ends meet and avoided the anticipated deficit of over £500.

Costs, however, continue to increase; salaries, printing and the telephone have all gone up, and our small surplus for 1960/61 will be turned into a deficit for 1961/62 unless our membership continues to increase. I very much hope, therefore, that everyone of us will do whatever is possible to bring in new members.

Our old friends have stood by us once more. The Passfield Trust, the Noel Buxton Trust and the Sara Hall Trust have helped us again, and I should like also to thank the Transport and General Workers Union, National Union of General and Municipal Workers, National Union of Mineworkers (through its areas), Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, Amalgamated Engineering Union, Union of Post Office Workers, National Union of Public Employees, Transport Salaried Staff Association, National Federation of Building Trades Operatives, Confederation of Health Service Employees, Amalgamated Weavers Association, Sheet Metal Workers Society, National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives, Musicians Union, and the National Union of Agricultural Workers.

The net cost of our various activities during 1960/61 was again, in round figures, £10,000. and the following table shows the usual breakdown:—

	1960/1	1959/60	1958/59
	£	£	£
Commonwealth Bureau	...	3,000	3,250
International Bureau	...	1,250*	1,250

Home Research	...	...	...	4,000*	3,800	3,000
Bookshop	...	...	...	500	450	1,250
Schools, etc.	...	...	...	1,250*	1,250	1,250
				£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
				—	—	—

* Includes Young Fabian Group.

As will immediately be appreciated, the Young Fabian Group is a new activity, and I should, perhaps, add that the figure for Home Research includes the cost of producing the publications resulting from the research work of Local Societies.

This year I must pay a special tribute to the Society's staff, who had to contend with many difficulties, including those inevitably arising from the lack of continuity among our chief Executives. Mrs. Shirley Williams has already contributed a tremendous amount as our new General Secretary and is, as far as I am aware, the first holder of that office to have given birth to a very young but very active Young Fabian.

Mr. J. Ian Robertson of Messrs. Pegg, Robertson and Co., continues to act as the Society's Honorary Auditor, and I am most grateful to him for his valuable help.

JOHN DIAMOND.

BALANCE SHEET AS

LIABILITIES						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1960											
£											
1000	Sundry Funds:—										
12	Edwards Bequest Fund	...	...	...	1000	0	0				
10	Scholarship Fund	...	...	...	12	9	0				
39	Women's Group Fund	...	...	...	9	8	10				
72	L.S.C. Development Fund	...	...	...	33	8	4				
	Pease Fund	...	...	...	72	5	0				
									1127	11	2
1133											
3243	Sundry Creditors	...	...	...					3117	12	1
2815	Bank Overdraft	...	...	...					2844	15	11
£7191									£7089	19	2

We have examined the Accounts of the Fabian Society for the year information and explanations we have required. We certify that the Balance view of the state of the Society's affairs according to the best of our information

4th September, 1961.

12, Coleman Street, London, E.C.2.

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE

EXPENDITURE						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1960											
£											
6907	Administrative Expenses:—										
264	Salaries and Allowances	...	...	...	6863	18	7				
120	State Insurance	...	...	...	240	0	3				
111	Pension	...	...	...	120	0	0				
608	Travel and Entertainment	...	...	...	89	2	6				
50	General Office Expenses	...	...	...	652	7	8				
530	Research Grants and Subscriptions Payable	...	...	...	70	0	0				
196	General Stationery	...	...	...	491	5	4				
942	Telephone	...	...	...	195	14	10				
	Postage	...	...	...	836	11	11				
									9559	1	1
9728											
	Establishment Charges:—										
464	Rates, Lighting, Heating, Income Tax	...	...	...	475	1	3				
360	Maintenance and Cleaning	...	...	...	205	16	0				
									680	17	3
824											
1506	Publications: Free Issues	...	...	...					1535	7	6
	Other Expenses:—										
182	Interest on Overdraft	...	...	...	123	2	2				
113	Affiliation Fees	...	...	...	110	17	0				
									233	19	2
295											
	Balance being Surplus for the Year	...	...	...					46	2	5
£12353									£12055	7	5

AT 30th JUNE, 1961

1960	ASSETS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£	Fixed Assets:—						
—	Freehold Property, Bernard Shaw's Gift Fund (not valued) ...	...	...	...	—
329	Furniture	...	...	...	328	18	4
85	Library	...	...	...	85	0	0
414							
—	Current Assets:—						
2085	Stocks	...	...	...	2110	8	8
2521	Debtors	...	...	...	2412	4	5
43	Cash	...	...	...	70	18	1
4649							
—	Accumulated Deficit:—						
2129	Balance at 1st July, 1960 ...	...	...	...	2128	12	1
	Deduct: Excess of Income over Expenditure				46	2	5
£7191							
—							
£7089	19	2					

ended 30th June, 1961, with the books and vouchers. We have obtained all the Sheet above set forth is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Society's books.

PEGG,ROBERTSON & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1961

1960	INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£	Subscriptions	...	...	...	...
4480							
—	Donations:—						
2560	General and Special ...	...	...	...	2548	1	8
3000	Dartmouth Street Trust ...	...	...	...	3000	0	0
5	Local Societies Committee ...	...	...	...	4	19	11
5565							
—	Other Income:—						
198	Royalties	...	...	...	72	6	3
10	Advertising	...	...	...	21	0	0
1355	Bookshop	...	...	...	1153	6	10
263	Functions	...	...	...	301	8	2
400	Rents Receivable	...	...	...	400	0	0
2226							
82	Balance being Deficiency for the Year	...	...	...

£12353

£12055 7 5

APPENDIX A
MEMBERS OF MAIN COMMITTEES
 (As at 30th June, 1961)

Finance and General Purposes Committee

John Diamond, M.P. (Chairman), Dr. Brian Abel-Smith, Mrs. Margaret Cole, Lord Faringdon, Denis Healey, M.P., H. D. Hughes, John Parker, M.P., Arthur Skeffington, M.P., Mrs. Mary Stewart.

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 (As at 30th September, 1961)

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